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The Horn of Africa Peace and Development Center is a non-profit, non-partisan, 501c (3) organization dedicated to peace and economic development. It was established in 2003 to bring people from the Horn of Africa, the sub-region comprising Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia and other concerned parties to work together in attaining the vision and mission of the center.

Vision

 To help in the establishment of a durable peace, along with an accelerated socioeconomic development and an environment where the people, currently about 100 million and estimated to increase to 185 million by 2025, will no longer live under a grinding poverty, where pandemic diseases such as HIV/AIDS and malaria are substantially curtailed, if not eliminated, where the rule of law prevails under a governance that is democratic and where an effective partnership in international security and trade will be the norm.

MISSION

To initiate and facilitate informed discussions, research and studies on all vital issues that are important to the center's vision and to generate effective and practical ideas as well as strategies that can be implemented by the respective governments, concerned regional and international organizations, and civic bodies.

The Horn of Africa Peace and Development Center has partnered with the Tower Center for Political Studies in Dedman College at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, to bring together a panel of Horn of Africa experts. This is a continuation of the Center's proud tradition of collaborating with major universities, the World Bank, United Nations agencies, and other organizations to inform our nation's policy towards the Horn of Africa with the goal of working towards outcomes that are mutually beneficial to the US and the peoples of the region.

The Center plans to hold the third international conference on the Horn of Africa in October 2010. The theme would be Conflict Resolution and the Search for Peace in the Horn of Africa. The Center also plans to continue its series of Community Conversations Meetings that bring together members of the Dallas-Fort Worth Horn of Africa Community.

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